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OF A DEVICE DRIVER

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Serial No. 09/521,275 Docket No. RO999-187 To the best knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits in the present application. Accordingly no filing fee is required.

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